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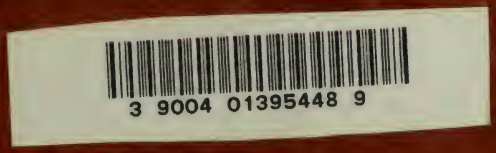

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS

OF THE

Board of Common School Trustees

OF THE

CITY OF KINGSTON,

TO 31st MARCH, 1867.

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REPORT.

It is very gratifying to the Board to be able to report to the citizens that all the schools under their charge are in efficient working order and well attended. There were on the rolls of the schools of all ages during the year 2,435 pupils. The number of boys was 1,267, and of girls 1,168. The average attendance during the year was 1,199. Great progress was made in all the classes, and the teachers discharged their onerous duties in such a way as to merit their full share of public approbation. Next year figures will be given to show the progress as compared with previous years.

The Board has had during the year thirty teachers in all, although its regular staff is only twenty-five. The additions were owing to the changes made during the year. The highest salary paid a male teacher was $600; the lowest, $200. The highest salary paid a female teacher was at the rate of $360; the lowest, $80. The average for male teachers was $370 per annum; for females, $187.

As regards the matter of expense, it will be found that the Board has acquitted itself to the best of its ability. During the last ten years real property has been acquired to the value of $22,744.59, and as a consequence no city in Canada can show such excellent buildings and so many of the necessary adjuncts in carrying out common school education. The rooms are airy and well ventilated, and the greatest care is taken at all times to keep them neat and tidy. Parents visiting the schools must go away content, knowing that the health of their children, both physical and moral, is carefully looked after. No man can grudge a good schoolhouse. Place a teacher in a dirty dull room, and before a month he will be as dirty and dull as the room. But put him in a decent place, and his energies are spurred up to make everything as bright as the appearance of his room would lead you to expect.

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In providing such rooms, and in continuing to provide them, the Board has simply done its duty. The actual expenditure last year for common school purposes was $7,928.09. In endeavoring to arrive at the cost per pupil which the city paid, another item must be added, viz., the interest on real estate investments. This at six per cent is $1,450.65, making a total of $9,378.74. This is the whole sum which can be charged against the Common Schools for educational purposes. Of course the payment of debentures cannot be charged, as well as the interest on the real estate. Now, there were, as seen above, on the rolls of the schools 2,435 pupils. The cost per pupil was then $3.85, and when we take the average attendance of 1,199 the cost is $7.82. The Report of the Superintendent of the city schools of Toronto shows that the average cost per pupil is $4.87, showing a balance of $1.02 in favor of Kingston; and the cost as per average attendance is $11.17, showing a balance in favor of Kingston of $3.35.

When the grumblers at the expenditure of the Board attempt to get a cry up against the system of Common School education as too expensive, it will be well for them to bear those facts in mind, and give the authorities here credit for obtaining the education of the masses at a lower figure than any other city in Canada.

But if we deduct from the expenditure the amount charged as interest on permanent investments, there remains the sum of $7,928.09. The average cost per pupil is then $3.25, and the cost as per average attendance is $6.61. In Toronto, on the same conditions the cost is $3.66 and $8.94

The Library is now nearly refitted, and all damage sustained by the fire in the City Buildings is repaired. The Board, however, intends to keep adding to the stock, until a full assortment of books, both instructive and entertaining, shall be at the disposal of the citizens.

(Signed) WM. MASSIE, *Chairman.*
ROBERT CARROLL,
G. W. FENWICK,
SAMUEL CHOWN,
WM. McROSSIE,
GEO. M. WILKINSON,
THOS. M. FENWICK, M.D.
} Committee on Citizens' Report.

WORKING EXPENSES OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS FOR 1866.

MALE TEACHERS' SALARIES		$2,590 00
FEMALE TEACHERS' SALARIES		3,407 07
INSURANCE.—		
Johnson Street School House	$35 00	
" " Furniture.....	11 50	
Wellington Street School Furniture..	22 50	
" " Building...	21 25	
Queen Street School Building	50 00	
" " Furniture	19 31	
Gordon Street School Building and Furniture...	10 95	
		161 51
RENTS.—		
Rent paid for Princess Street School	$100 00	100 00
FUEL.—		
Paid for wood for City Schools.....	$360 00	
Allowance for Orphan's Home	17 00	
		377 00
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING..	$50 00	50 00
STATIONERY	$ 7 30	
Roll Books, &c., for Schools	14 05	
		21 35
REPAIRS.—		
Williamsville School, J. Tucker.....	$ 4 30	
" " Smallridge....	5 75	
Gordon Street School, Irving & Son	64 38	
Johnson " "	18 58	
Wellington " "	40 32	
Gordon Street, survey by Mr. Nash..	4 00	
J. Walker's glazing acct.	1 80	
Wm. Allen, stove fittings	5 42	
R. M. Horsey, stove fittings, &c.....	32 45	
Samuel Chown, stove fittings, &c.. for Charlesville and Gordon Street Schools	14 16	
Thomas McMahon, glazing Johnson Street School	6 25	
J. Burgess, repairs, &c., Charlesville School.....	5 90	
Wm. Robinson, glazing Queen Street School....	5 55	
		208 86
Carried forward.....		$6,915 79

Brought forward		$6,915 79
CONTINGENCIES.—		
Journal of Education	$14 00	
Paid City Council for disinfectants	3 40	
" Walker for painting, &c., Wellington Street School	24 10	
" Fraser & George's acct.	2 60	
" Post Office acct.	6 85	
" Mr. Hobart for disinfectants	18 25	
" Chown & Cunningham, stove fittings	6 86	
" Petty disbursements	30 00	
		106 06
OFFICERS' SALARIES.—		
The late Ewen McEwen, Esq., Local Superintendent, 3 months,	$ 50 00	
Samuel Woods, Esq., Local Superintendent, 6 months	100 00	
Wm. Armstrong, as Secretary of the Board	260 00	
Messenger, Mr. Lanigan	40 00	
Caretaker Johnson Street School	100 00	
" Queen Street "	100 00	
" Wellington Street "	80 00	
" Williamsville "	22 00	
" Princess Street "	40 00	
" Charlesville "	18 00	
" Gordon Street "	50 00	
		860 00
Extra washing and cleaning Schools	$14 33	
" expenses for Night School	31 91	
		46 24
		$7,928 09

Assets and Liabilities of the Board of Common School Trustees of the City of Kingston, 31st Dec., 1866.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.	
JOHNSON STREET SCHOOL.—			By Debenture due November, 1867	$1,000 00
Paid for building site, building and furniture, per Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865	$8,896 00		" Balance due on Gordon Street School site	400 00
Improvements, &c., made, 1866	62 76		" Balance due City Council	15 07
		8,958 76		
WELLINGTON STREET SCHOOL.—				
Paid for site, buildings and furniture, per Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865	$4,311 00			
Improvements, &c., made, 1866	33 35			
		4,344 35		
QUEEN STREET SCHOOL.—				
Paid for site, buildings and furniture, per Report to the Board, Dec. 31, 1865	$4,873 00			
Improvements, &c., made, 1866	73 30			
		4,946 30		
GORDON STREET SCHOOL.—				
Paid for site, building and furniture, per Report, Dec. 31st, 1865	$2,175 00			
Additions to furniture, maps, school apparatus, and improvements in 1866	150 00			
		2,325 00		
CHARLESVILLE SCHOOL.—Return, 1865, $750; 1866, $20		770 00		
WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL.—Return, 1865, $800; 1866, $15.25		815 25		
PRINCESS STREET SCHOOL.—Furniture, &c., 1866,		200 00		
COMMON SCHOOL LIBRARY.—Books, fixtures, furniture, &c., say		1,800 00	By balance, being net amount of assets, 31st Dec., 1866	22,744 59
		$24,159 66		$24,159 66